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Financial assistance from the Central Government during 1947–53.

* 799 Q.—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the nature and extent of financial assistance demanded by the Madras Government from the Central Government during the years 1947–53 and how the demand was met and to what extent?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

Construction of a bridge at Chettuvai, Ponnani taluk.

* 800 Q.—Dr. K. B. MENON: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether detailed report and estimates of cost for the construction of a bridge at Chettuvai, Ponnani taluk, Malabar district, have been received; and

(b) whether the Government have received any contribution from the Producers-*cum*-Consumers Co-operative Societies of Ponnani for the said purpose?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (a) No.

" (b) The excess collections made by the Producer-cum-Consumers Co-operative Societies of Ponnani taluk in respect of rice sold to consumers during 1947–48 have been recovered and the amount will be made available for the construction of the bridge when necessary."

Construction of Chettuvai Bridge, Ponnani taluk.

* 801 Q.—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) when the construction of Chettuvai bridge in Ponnani taluk, Malabar district, will be taken up;

(b) the estimated cost of the construction of the bridge; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far in the matter?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (a), (b) & (c). The estimate for the construction of the bridge referred to is being prepared by the Chief Engineer (Highways.) The question of sanctioning the work for execution will be considered as soon as the estimates are ready."

Admission for Research Fellowships of the Madras University.

* 802 Q.—Sri K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that considerations other than aptitude, merit and urge for knowledge are taken into consideration by the

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 879—884 infra.